

# REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

JEFFERSON, ORLEANS, PLAQUEMINES, ST. BERNARD, ST. CHARLES, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,  
ST. TAMMANY AND TANGIPAHOA PARISHES

December 21, 2017

Ms. Natalie Robottom, President  
St. John the Baptist Parish  
1801 W. Airline Hwy.  
Laplace, LA 70068

Re: Reserve to I-10 Connector  
Interchange Justification Report (IJR)  
St. John the Baptist Parish, LA  
State Project No. H.004891

Dear President Robottom:

The purpose of this project is to comply with Federal Highway Administration policy on changes in access to the Interstate System and LADOTD engineering directives for an improved access route for intermodal connectivity between the US 61 corridor in the Reserve area north to I-10 for general commercial and non-commercial traffic in the parish and for the Port of South Louisiana.

The estimated cost of the IJR/EIS process is \$871,710 with the Regional Planning Commission (hereafter the "RPC") providing \$697,368 (80%) in federal-aid funding and St. John the Baptist Parish (hereafter the "Parish") providing \$87,171 (10%) and the Port of South Louisiana (hereafter the "Port") providing \$87,171 (10%) as the required non-federal local match share. The Parish will provide RPC with the requested \$87,710, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The study limits are from the I-10 at LA 641 interchange to the west, the I-10 at LA 3188 interchange to the east and US 61 between LA 641 and LA 3188. Roadways within the study limits include: I-10, LA 641, LA 637, LA 3188, US 61, LA 44, including major intersections.
2. Various interchange forms will be considered and screened for fatal flaws. The screening for Traffic Operations shall include high level Highway Capacity Manual analysis. The screening considerations are then evaluated and decision making criterion established that will consider traffic operation, right-of-way, environmental/social impacts, and construction costs. By documenting the evaluation of alternatives, the study will show all potential interchange candidates and record why some alternatives were eliminated from further study; and
3. That a Parish staff member shall serve on the Project Management Committee which will review the study's progress and findings and offer recommendations for interchange access and circulation improvements within the Study area; and
4. That the total Study cost is estimated to be \$871,710 with RPC providing \$697,368 in federal aid funds (80%) and the Parish and Port providing \$87,171 each or 10% of the local match requirement, respectively; and
5. That RPC will submit invoices with supporting documentation attached (no more frequently than monthly) to the Parish's Engineering Department for review and approval and disbursement of the Parish's 10% local share match within 30 days upon receipt of the RPC invoice; and

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6. That Parish's funds shall be used solely for the Study; and
7. That the total amount to be paid by the Parish shall equal 10% of the cost of the Study, not to exceed \$87,171. Should the Study be completed or terminated and the Study cost less than the anticipated \$871,710, then any unused match funds remaining at expiration of the project shall be retained and/or reallocated by Parish and shall not be disbursed to RPC; and
8. That Parish shall receive at no additional cost two hard copies of the Study's final report and a full final report on CD/DVD including appendixes, data files, renderings, and CAD/GIS files.

Enclosed are two originals of this Agreement. Please have a properly authorized official sign each one where specified to indicate acknowledgment of, and agreement to, the terms and conditions outlined above. Please then return one fully executed original to Ms. Maggie Woodruff, RPC's Contracts Administrator. Ms. Woodruff will acknowledge receipt of the executed original as soon as she receives it. This Agreement shall be effective only after her formal acknowledgment of receipt.

If you would like to discuss any of the terms and conditions of this letter agreement, please call Ms. Woodruff at (504)483-8502.


Sincerely,



Walter R. Brooks  
Executive Director  
Regional Planning Commission

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

ACCEPTED AND AGREED

BY:   
Natalie Robottom  
Parish President

DATE: 1/8/18



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**Please be advised of the following motion, which the St. John the Baptist Parish Council adopted at a meeting held on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

**"Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Hotard seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to enter into an agreement with the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) for completion of the Interchange Justification Report (IJR) for the Reserve to I-10 Connector. The motion passed with 7 yeas, 1 against (Snyder) and 1 abstaining (Wright)."**

### **CERTIFICATION**

**I, Jackie Landeche, Secretary of the St. John the Baptist Parish Council do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a motion adopted by said body on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.**

**December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017,**

**Jackie Landeche**  
**Council Secretary**

**St. John the Baptist Parish Council**